PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: PG 71A-42 Building Date: ca. 1900

Building Name: Fairwood Turf Farm

12321 Annapolis Road, Bowie, Maryland

Private/Agriculture/Occupied/Deteriorated/Accessible

Description

Location:

Fairwood Turf Farm is an agricultural and residential property including over 472 acres. The property surveyed includes 6 dwellings, 3 barns, a farm road, and substantial acres of cultivated land. Of the 6 dwellings, four are small I-houses with a center chimney. All 3 barns are of frame construction: 2 rest on continuous poured concrete foundation and 1 rests on concrete block piers. It is likely that the barns were constructed for multiple purposes including hay storage and husbandry.

Significance

Fairwood Turf Farm was developed out of part of the historic "Fairview Farm," the estate of Maryland Governor Oden Bowie. The property was developed after the estate was fractured among the Bowie descendants in the first quarter of the twentieth century. While the property is associated with the sub-division of agricultural estates in the late nineteenth century, it is a late example and other properties better illustrate this theme. The components of the property do not reflect the period when the property was associated with Governor Bowie. Further, the examples of buildings and structures on the property are extremely common forms and most have been altered since 1952. The resource is not recommended as eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.

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Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Fairwood Turf Farm is an agricultural and residential property including over 472 acres. Historically, the property was part of the "Fairview Farm," the estate of Governor Oden Bowie. Recently, the property was purchased by the Rouse-Fairwood Development Limited Partnership in 1990, and plans to develop the large parcel with single-family dwellings are currently being pursued (PGDB 7533:406; Eugene B. Roberts, pers. Comm., 8/9/1999). According to county tax records, 7 acres of the property are currently taxed for residential use, and 465.89 acres are taxed for agricultural use (data available at www.dat.state.md.us).

The portion of the Fairview Farm surveyed for this study was developed in the first and second decade of the 1900s, after the estate of Oden Bowie and the dower of his wife Alice C. Bowie were divided among many heirs. The extremely modest buildings and structures on the property, however, indicate that the heirs of the Bowie's did not live on the property, but rather that the property was occupied by tenant farmers and/or servants. Today, the property surveyed includes 6 dwellings, 3 barns, a farm road, and substantial acres of cultivated land. Each of these components is described in detail below. The physical relationships of the components are depicted in a sketch map of the property following the descriptions.

BUILDING #1 is located on the main, tree-lined, farm land of the Fairwood Turf Farm. The resource is a vernacular, two-story, frame, single-family dwelling with a rectangular plan and a continuous concrete block foundation. On each end is a one-story wing. The house is 7 bays wide and 1 bay deep. It is clad in weatherboard, and the side-gable roof is clad with asphalt shingles. The window openings are fitted with six-over-six light, double-hung windows. The façade has a hood roof entry with diagonal wood brackets and concrete steps. A brick, interior chimney is located on the center of the ridgeline of the two-story main section, and another is off-center on the ridgeline of the north (left) wing. The resource lacks stylistic influence and details. See attached photos HP99-078: 25, 26, 27, and 28.

BUILDING #2 is located on the main, tree-lined, farm lane of the Fairwood Turf Farm. The resource is a vernacular, one-story, frame, single-family dwelling with an L-shaped plan and a continuous concrete block foundation. The house is 3 bays wide and 1 bay deep. It is clad in weatherboard, and the 'de-gable roof is clad in asphalt shingles. The window openings are fitted with six-over-six light, double-hung windows. The northwest corner of the __cade has a recessed porch with a poured concrete floor and a wood, corner post support. There are two entries off of the porch. The east (rear) elevation has a shed roof addition. A brick, interior chimney is located off-center within the ridgeline. The resource lacks stylistic influence and details. See attached photos HP99-078: 29, 30, 31, and 32.

BUILDING #3 is located on the main, tree-lined, farm lane of the Fairwood Turf Farm. The resource is a vernacular, two-story, frame, single-family dwelling (now used as an office) with a rectangular plan and a continuous poured concrete foundation. The building is 3 bays wide and 2 bays deep. It is clad in weatherboard, and the side gable roof is clad in asphalt shingles. The window openings are fitted with six-over-six light, double-hung windows. The façade has an off-center, modern aluminum awning entry. A second story window on the façade has been covered with plywood. The north and south (left and right) elevations have a second story doorway. The north elevation doorway has been altered and covered with plywood. The east (rear elevation has a one-story, shed roof addition. A concrete block chimney is located off-center on the eat slope of the roof. The resource lacks stylistic influence and details. See attached photos HP99-079: 0, 1, 2 and 3.

STRUCTURE #4 is located on the main farm lane of the Fairwood Turf Farm. The resource is a vernacular, two-story, frame, bam with a rectangular plan and a continuous poured concrete foundation. The building is 1 bay wide and 9 bays deep. It is clad in board-and-batten siding. The front gable roof is clad in modern corrugated metal. All window openings have been covered over with plywood. Sliding, wood, double doors are located on the gable ends. The north and south (left and right) elevations have second-story, tall, narrow ventilation doors with hinges either on the top or side. The north elevation has a single story, concrete block addition on the north-west corner. The addition has a corrugated, side gable roof with off-center, brick chimney. The resource lacks stylistic influence and details. See attached photos HP99-079: 4, 5, 6, and 7.

BUILDING #5 is located on a farm lane of the Fairwood Turf Farm. The resource is a vernacular, two-story, frame, single-family dwelling with an irregular plan and continuous poured concrete foundation. The building is 3 bays wide and 3 bays deep. It is clad in weatherboard, and the gable roof is clad in asphalt shingles. The window openings are fitted with six-over-six light, double hung windows and two-over-two, double-hung, replacement windows. The façade has an off-center, shed roof entry. A second, off-center, hood roof entry is located on the west (left) elevation. A one-story, gable roof, L-shaped addition is attached to the east and north (right and rear) elevations. A brick, interior chimney is located on the center of the ridgeline, and won the slope of the addition. The resource lacks stylistic influence and details. See attached photos HP99-079: 8, 9, 10, and 11.

STRUCTURE #6 is located on a farm lane of the Fairwood Turf Farm. The resource is a vernacular, two-story, frame, barn with a rectangular plan and a continuous poured concrete foundation. The building is 1 bay wide and 8 bays deep. It is clad in board-and-batten siding. The front gable roof is clad in modern corrugated metal. All window openings have been altered by the removal of the panes of glass, and some are covered over with plywood. Sliding, wood, double doors are located on the gable ends. The east (left) elevation has second-story, tall, narrow ventilation doors with hinges on the 'p. The east elevation has a single story, concrete block addition on the northeast corner with six-over-six light, double-hung windows. The addition has corrugated, side gable rood with off-center, brick chimney. The resource lacks stylistic influence and details. See attached photos HP-079: 12, 13, 14, and 15

BUILDING #7 is located on a farm lane of the Fairwood Turf Farm. The resource is a vernacular, two-story, frame, single-family dwelling with an L-shaped plan and a continuous concrete block foundation. The house is 4 bays wide and 2 bays deep. It is clad in asbestos shingle, and the side-gable roof is clad with asphalt shingles. The window openings are fitted with six-over-six light, double-hung windows. The façade has a simple entry with concrete steps. The south (left) side of the house has a historic-period, two-story, side gable roof addition. The west (rear) elevation ahs a one-story,

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gable roof ell and a shed roof addition with a corrugated metal roof. A brick, interior chimney is located on the center of the ridgeline of the two-story main section, and off-center within the ridgeline of the rear ell. The resource lacks stylistic influence and details. See attached photos HP99-079: 22, 23, 24, and 25.

RUCTURE #8 is located on a farm lane of the Fairwood Turf Farm. The resource is a vemacular, two-story, frame barn with a rectangular plan and a brick and concrete block pier foundation. The building is 1 bay wide and 4 bays deep. It is clad in board-and-batten siding. The side gable roof is clad in wood shakes. Wood double doors are located on all four elevations. The east and west (front and rear) elevations have simple rectangular openings. The gable ends have second-story, tall, narrow ventilation openings that have been boarded over. The resource lacks stylistic influence and details. See attached photos HP99-079:26, 27, 28, and 29.

STRUCTURE #9 is located on a farm lane of the Fairwood Turf Farm. The resource is a vernacular, two-story, frame, single-family dwelling with a rectangular-shaped plan and a continuous concrete block foundation. The house is 4 bays wide and 1 bay deep. It is clad in weatherboard, and the side gable roof is clad with asphalt shingles. The window openings are fitted with six-over-six light, double-hung windows. The façade has an enclosed, shed roof, one bay entry with concrete steps. The south (left) side of the house has a historic-period, two-story, side gable roof addition. The west (rear) elevation has a hood roof entry. A brick, interior chimney is located on the center of the ridgeline. The resource lacks stylistic influence and details. See attached photos HP99-079: 30, 31, 32, and 33.

The FARM LANE consist of two parts: a tree-lined, sand and gravel portion that extends southeast from US 450/Defense Highway, and a sand and gravel portion that winds northeast and then south to eventually reach the site of Governor Oden Bowie's residence, "Fairview." the farm lane was developed between 1878 and 1948 (Hopkins 1878; Maryland Geological Survey 1914). Its route is relatively unchanged from its earliest depiction in 1914 (Maryland Geological Survey 1914). See attached photos HP99-079:23 and HP99-044:6.

The CULTIVATED LAND surrounding the farm lane and various buildings/structures is currently cultivated with sod in the spring and summer months and with winter wheat and hay in the fall and winter. During the historic period, the cultivated crops most likely included tobacco and hay, but may have included smaller amounts of other crops. No known historic fence lines or field patterns were observed during the field survey. See attached photos HP99-078: 33 and 34, and HP99-079: 16 and 17.

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The frame construction of the barns indicates that they were built in the twentieth century. All three are of frame construction. In addition, two of the barns rest on continuous poured concrete foundation, which the third rests on concrete block piers. The vertical ventilation openings present on two of the barns, indicate at they may have been used for air-curing tobacco, but the openings on these bams are further apart than would generally be expected for this use (Noble d Cleek 1995; 127-128). It is more likely that the barns were constructed for multiple purposes including hay storage and husbandry. Multiple-purpose barns were commonly constructed in the twentieth century in Maryland (O'Donnel n.d.). Two of the Barn, Structures #4 and 6, have small appendages that could be interpreted as stripping sheds, however, no documentation on this use has been found to date.

After decades of highly complicated and fractured ownership amongst the heirs of Gov. Bowie, Eugene B. Roberts, Jr., and his immediate family reconsolidated the family estate through over 20 separate deed instruments. Recently, the property was purchased by the Rouse-Fairwood Development Limited Partnership in 1990, and plans to develop the large parcel with single-family dwellings are currently being pursued (PGDB 7533: 406; Eugene B. Roberts, Jr., pers. Comm., 8/9/1999).

NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY EVALUATION

While the property is associated with the development of new agricultural estates in the late nineteenth century, the property is a late example (actually in the twentieth century), and other properties, such as the Magruder-Brannon House, better illustrate this theme (Criterion A). While the property was once part of the estate of Maryland Governor Oden Bowie, the buildings, structures, and landscape apparent today reflect the actions of Bowie's descendants and not of the significant individual (Criterion B). Also the property includes some examples of vemacular domestic and agricultural architecture, but they are extremely common forms in the county, and in many cases they have been altered since 1952 (Cnterion C). Finally, the property is not likely to yield information important in local, state, or national prehistory or history (Criterion D). Because the resource does not meet the Criteria for Evaluation (A, B, C, and/or D), the resource is not recommended as eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.

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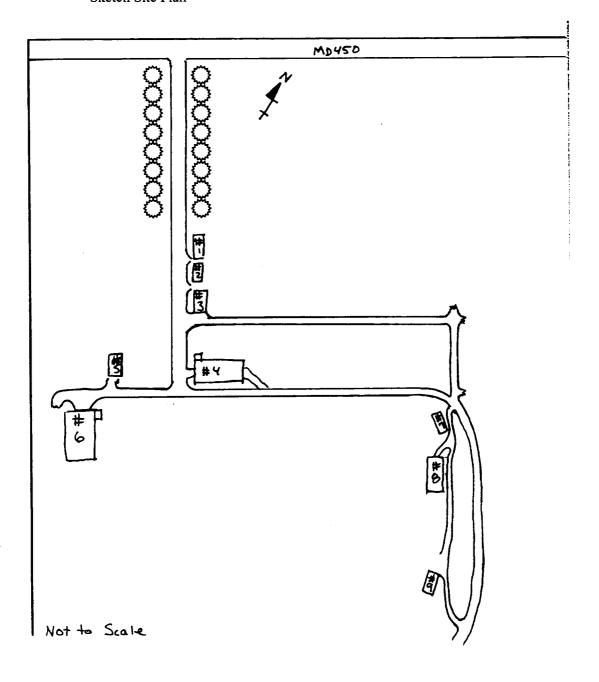
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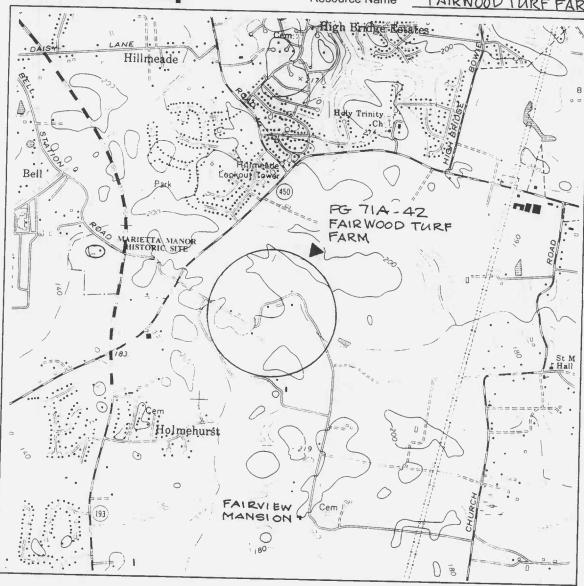


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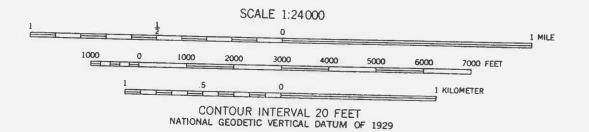
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